**St. Luke’s Lutheran Church**

Council Minutes

January 9, 2017

Pastor Nathan, Pastor Andrea, Elise Shelton, Joy Derrick, Marilyn Zielke, Charlie Holman, Doug Burgreen, Kevin Deise, Mike Merriman, Mackenzie Merriman, Patty Brown, Sue Kaufman,

Excused: Bart Sabine, Stephen Jackson

Pastor opened the meeting with prayer.

Deb Holman presented three proposals for an infant playground for St. Luke’s Children’s Center. Doug Burgreen would like to meet with Kristin Common in the morning about the grading needed for the playground. Sue Kaufman seconded. We will walk through the two spaces on Sunday and vote on motion 2 electronically. Seconded by Mike Merriman. Motion passed.

Minutes were approved.

Treasurer’s report. We finished 2016 not owing any money and we spent less money than was in the spend plan. We paid $27,366 to the synod instead of $52,000. We had $17,000 increase in giving over last year.

Property Committee – A large beehive was removed from the Education Building. The stucco was repaired. A large tree that fell during Hurricane Matthew was removed. Property workday held on December 3rd mainly worked on cutting back limbs and pine straw. Meeting tomorrow with HVAC.

Personnel - Meeting on January 18th to discuss staffing.

Finance - put together the beginnings of our spend plan. And they are putting together a plan on how to deal with the money that is coming in from our capital campaign.

Stewardship is going to meet tomorrow. They will have a big turn over in membership.

Outreach approved the second mile giving for 2017. Did we cancel insurance with the ARK? They ARK did purchase insurance for the bus. No departure date that we know of.

Information Technology – Website will be coming out soon.

Personnel will meet on the 18th to discuss staffing. We have to fill Charlene’s position. She will go on disability after two months.

Congregational life has not met. The 125th began yesterday. Gail O. is working on the 500th anniversary of the Lutheran Refomation. The highly anticipated pictorial directory needed to be fixed, then proofed and should be out soon.

Music and Worship has ordered the green paraments. The money came from the memorial fund. They will be used at the August anniversary. They will shem up the crucifer crosses so they don’t sit crookedly. We need to develop a policy for how the memorial fund is used. They are discussing next year’s Christmas services as Christmas Eve will be on a Sunday.

Discipleship will be meeting Wednesday at 6:00. We will do the faith webbing on February 12 at 5:00 p.m. Dinner and adult youth activity.

Marilyn, Sue and Pastor will get together to plan how to deal with the memorial fund.

185 pledges have come in already. Another mailing will be going out to over 100 families who have not yet pledged. $1,104,531 already pledged. $135.980 already in the account. People may be wondering how to give their pledge.

The property committee will go ahead and start getting bids for repairs. But we need to have some plans to how we are going to spend the money for repairs.

The nominating committee (out-going members and at large members) will ask people to run for council.

Next meeting - February 13th

Patty Brown is council person for February.